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Bent Tongues

Jeremiah 9:3

And they bend their tongues like their bow for lies: but they are not valiant for the truth upon the earth; for

they proceed from evil to evil, and they know not me, saith the Lord.

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It's at least fairly reasonable to conclude that God does not like lies. God was saying, according to the prophet Jeremiah:

They bend their tongues as an

archer bends his bow, but the arrows which are shot are, instead, lies. Those people are not strong or skilled in truth, but they are quite proficient when it comes to lying. They cover the

earth with lies. They “proceed from evil to evil”, meaning they go from one evil thing to another evil thing.

Though they claim to be God’s people,

they don't
even know
God.

The Great Bible,
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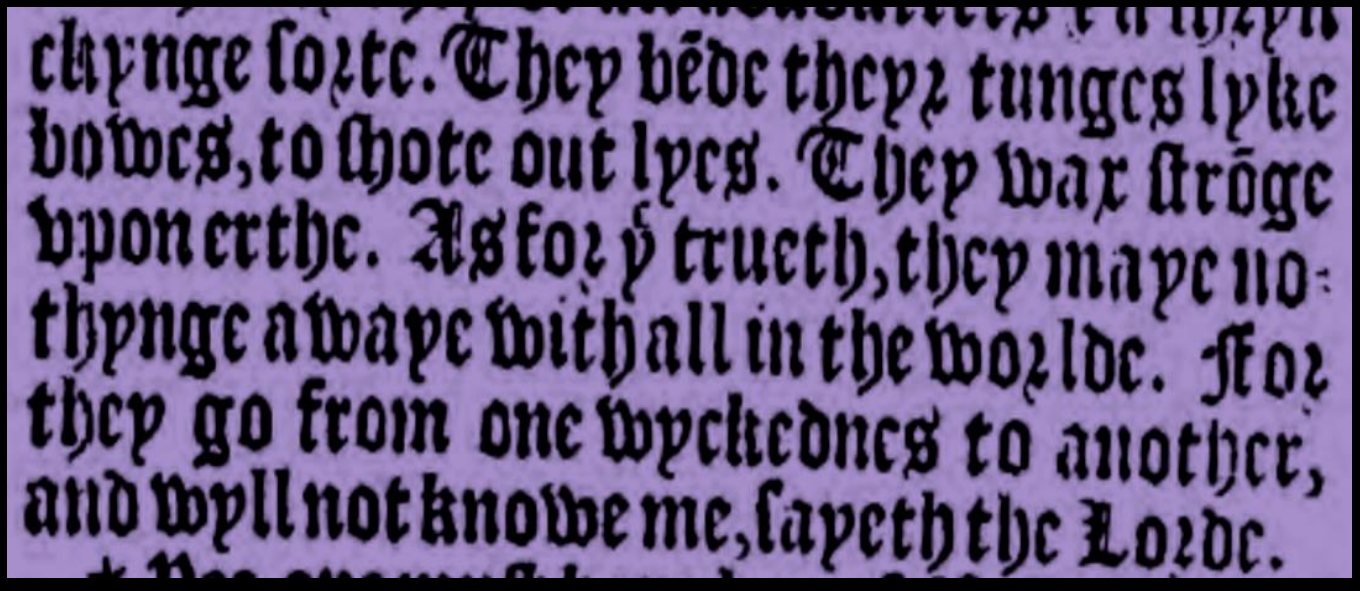
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and wyll not knowe me, sayeth the Lorde.

They bend their tongues like bows, to shoot out lies.
They wax strong upon earth.
As for the truth, they may nothing away withal in the world.
For they go from

one wickedness to another, and will not know me, saith the Lord.

Jeremiah was considering the wickedness of this group of people.

This chapter starts with him saying he wishes he could get away from them. Then, it seems as if Jeremiah's weeping turns into God speaking through him:

They bend their tongues like bows and shoot out lies. They are powerful and influential on earth. As for the truth, though, they have nothing to do with it the

whole world over. They go from one wickedness to another and **refuse** to know me.

Regardless to the translation, it suffices to say

that the bending of the tongue, or purposefully lying, was so prevalent, that it was vexing to both the prophet and to God as well.

More modern phrases such as,

“Lying through your teeth”, and “your nose is growing” illustrate dishonesty in connection with the physical body as Jeremiah did by use of, “they bend their tongues like

their bow”.

Tongue-bending is sweeping this earth in today’s times. From interpersonal relationships to local, national, and international politics, the

bending of tongues is rampant.

Actually, one may be hard pressed to find any facet of life where there is the absence of bent tongues.

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